



**Marine Corps League**  
**Maj. Lawrence Desjardines Detachment # 1260**  
**Albany, Georgia**  
**Meeting Minutes of 21 April 2009**

- ☛ Meeting was called to order at 1834 Commandant Morrison
- ☛ Role Call of Officers was taken: Present were Commandant Morrison, Adjutant McCarty, Judge Advocate Newton, Paymaster Adams, Chaplain James, Web Sgt Kirstatter
- ☛ 21 Members were present.
- ☛ There was 1 application for membership. Marine John Dunn was sworn in by Commandant Morrison.
- ☛ Correspondance – None
- ☛ Minutes were read and accepted.
- ☛ Paymasters report was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Newton/Kirstatter).
- ☛ Chaplains Report: Chaplain James reported on Marine Fisk being involved in a Motorcycle accident. Fisk is home and recovering, and could use a little help. Was also reported that Bob Kane was diagnosed with cancer linked to Agent Orange.
- ☛ Standing committee reports:
  - Riverwalk Committee (Newton) – Golfers and Marines did another outstanding job on 17 and 18 April. Next event will be on 9 May 2009. All volunteers to report to Turtle Grove at 0900
- ☛ Special Committee reports: (Newton)
  - State Convention Committee
    - 29 Days to go
    - 91 attendees so far (Only 19 Members of Det 1260 have signed up )
    - Uniform will be MCL “Casual”, MCL “Formal”, Suit, or sport coat. Medals will be worn. NO COVERS AT THE BANQUET
    - We will host a Hospitality Room. There will be a cash bar, and free (sponsored) beer and snacks.
    - Guest of Honor will be SgtMaj Bloomberg of the Wounded Warrior Regiment
- ☛ Unfinished business:
  - (1) Loyalty Day – Marines McCarty, Kirstatter, Kirby, and Memlo have volunteered to support this years flag folding ceremony on 2 May. Meet at VFW at 1030
  - (2) Rebuilding Together – Associate Member Wood provided the following:
    - Project is on 25 April
    - All hands to muster at 628 Gaines Ave at 0745. WebSgt Kirstatter will post directions on website
- ☛ New Business:
  - Commandant Morrison discussed a High School Blood Drive. Members agreed to support. Details to follow as they develop.



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☛ Good of the League:

Election of 2009 Officers. The following Members were elected by unanimous consent:

Commandant – Rob McCarty

Senior Vice Commandant – Tom Newton

Junior Vice Commandant – Ron Kirstatter

Judge Advocate – JJ Kraus

The oath of office was administered by Past Commandant Kent Morrison.

Commandant McCarty made the following appointments:

Adjutant – Amanda Wood

Sgt At Arms – Kelly Fisk

Paymaster – Bob Adams

Chaplain-Dennis Lawing

WebSgt – Ron Kirstatter

- ☛ Meeting was adjourned at 1950 by Commandant McCarty. Next Regular Meeting will be held on 19 May 2009.

Submitted by Rob McCarty, Adjutant.

Motion to accept these minutes as read: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meeting Minutes of 16 June 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1838 by Commandant McCarty.

Roll call of Officers was taken: Present were Commandant McCarty, Sr. Vice Newton, Jr. Vice Kirstatter, Adjutant Wood, Paymaster Adams, Judge Advocate Kraus, & Chaplain Lawing.

23 Members were present.

There was 1 application for membership. Marine Ronald Johns was sworn in by Commandant McCarty.

Visitor(s): Marine Roy Bennington

Correspondence:

- (Good of the League) – A letter of thanks for a job well done during the State Marine Corps League Convention was received from the PFC George Eiland Detachment #1040 and read by Adjutant Wood.
- Judge Advocate Kraus reported that he received a notice of 33 recommended changes at the National Convention. Anyone interested in reading them was welcome to contact him.

Minutes of 19 May were reviewed and accepted (Murphy/Aldridge).

Paymaster Report: was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Murphy/Nicholson). Marine Adams reported that the books will need to be audited soon.

Chaplains Report: Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports: River Walk Committee – Sr. Vice Newton reported that he was not notified of the 5 June Flint River Cleanup in enough time to inform the members. Our next opportunity will be Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 0730 at Veterans Park & Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 0830 at Cox Landing. Marine Newton is the POC.

Special Committee Reports:

State Convention Committee (reported by Sr. Vice Newton)

- Received \$460.00 from the detachments but, are still owed \$100.00 is still owed for a program add. Total earnings of \$2699.29.
- There was a write up about the convention in the Sgt. Grit Magazine.
- A certificate of appreciation was presented to Col. Gillan & the MCLB Maintenance Center by Sr. Vice Newton.
- Athens will be hosting the convention next year, Sr. Vice Newton will be sending copies of all the convention information to the Athens & Black Sheep Detachments to assist in their planning efforts. Paymaster Adams & Adjutant Wood also have copies of all the info for Detachment records retention.
- Sr. Vice Newton is waiting for approval of the State Convention report from the State level.
- Judge Advocate Kraus presented Sr. Vice Newton with a gift of appreciation for heading the State Convention Committee.

#### Unfinished Business:

1. The Detachment will be partnering with the VFW at their location hosting the Blood Drive that is being organized by the granddaughter of Hal Golden. The event will be held on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 1000. Marine Sanders will be creating a poster or flyer to advertise the event & the Red Cross will have an ad in the paper. Jr. Past Commandant Morrison is the POC.
2. We will obtain a Hospitality Suite for the October Battle Color Ceremony. We need to check the ABC rules for alcohol distribution by a non-profit organization. Commandant McCarty will check with Marine Nicholson & Judge Advocate Kraus. Marine Newton will contact the Code Enforcement officers for the City Of Albany to obtain information as well. We need to send out or post an invitation to the event.
3. The detachment will participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration aboard MCLB. We will have raffle items as we did last year. We will not participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration held by the City of Albany as the two events are too close together.
4. Marine Reynolds gave the detachment a brief on how the Marine for Life Program has merged with the Wounded Warrior Program. Currently our detachment has been aiding LCpl Nathan Bramam of Fitzgerald, GA under the Marine for Life Program. One year ago our detachment received a request to assist this young Marine & his pregnant teenage wife. LCpl Bramam had been wounded in action & was suffering from post traumatic stress. At the time of the request, LCpl Bramam was unable to leave his home & would allow his wife to be alone. He was not under any doctor supervision & had not been seen by the VA. Marine Reynolds was able to assist LCpl Bramam in setting up counseling, housing assistance, & VA appointments. Currently he has a job at Wal-Mart; he is continuing his therapy through the VA. The couple welcomed a baby girl in July 2008. In early June we were called for assistance again, the couple was being evicted from their current residence & needed financial assistance setting up their new location with utilities and a window air conditioner for the infant's bedroom. The detachment donated \$500.00, Paymaster Adams & Sr. Vice Newton presented the gift to LCpl Bramam at his work location. Marine Reynolds has been working to see how the LCpl had fallen through the cracks yet again. It was explained that there are some obstacles to overcome while the two organizations are merging, however; they are working on repairing the hiccup. LCpl Bramam is going to be getting assistance with budgeting. Marine Reynolds will start providing a quarterly update to the detachment not only on the programs, but also on any Marines in our area that are in the program. Currently Marine Fisk is the unofficial lead on this program. Adjutant Wood has also indicated an interest in this program. As with any project the detachment undertakes we should consider a primary and an alternate POC for full support.

#### New Business:

- 1) Marine Newton will be at the Albany Airport on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 0830 to wish two civilian Marines well on their trip to Iraq in support of the Marine War fighters.
- 2) Marine Kirby needs paperwork to transfer to a detachment at his new location. Marine Zapata has transferred to a detachment in Stafford, VA.
- 3) Sr. Vice Newton & Jr. Vice Kirstatter will be updating information in our data base. We would like to send out a welcome letter to our new members.
- 4) Paymaster Adams has applications for the National Convention in Minnesota August 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested.

Good of the League:

Commandant McCarty is still trying to work the Marine Shop to correct the issues with the blazer he ordered for the Georgia State Convention. So far they have reimbursed the \$29.99 that he paid for the express shipping.

The meeting was adjourned at 1948 by Commandant McCarty. The next regular meeting will be held on 21 July 2009.

Submitted by Amanda Wood, Adjutant  
Corrected by Tom Newton, Senior Vice

Motion to accept minutes: Marines Adams  
Seconded: Marine Murphy

## Meeting Minutes of 21 July 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1830 by Sr. Vice Newton (acting Commandant).

Roll call of Officers was taken: Present were Sr. Vice Newton, Marine Gale Rodgers acting for the Adjutant, Sgt at Arms Fisk, Paymaster Adams, Judge Advocate Kraus and Marine James Rodgers acting for the Chaplain.

19 members were present.

There were no membership applications.

Visitors: Sarah Holden, granddaughter of Hal Gobin and Susann McNair of the Red Cross discussed their blood drive scheduled for Saturday 25 July 2009 at the VFW from 1000 to 1500. They need donors and volunteers to help.

### Correspondence

- Paymaster Adams presented a letter from National Headquarters advising the fees for Life Members had decreased (letter attached). It is understood that these fees are not transferable if a Marine changes detachments. Judge Advocate Kraus will research further. Following are the new fees:
  - 35 and under: \$500
  - 36 to 50: \$400
  - 51 to 60: \$300
  - 61 and over: \$150
- Sr. Vice Newton received email from Judy Bowles – next River Walk clean up will be 24 October 2009 to coincide with the “Rivers Alive Day” meeting at 3d Ave. More to follow.

Minutes of 16 June 2009 were posted, reviewed, and corrected by Marine JJ Kraus. The corrected minutes were accepted (Adams/Murphy).

Paymaster Report: was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Murphy/Rodgers, G). Marine Adams reported that the detachment financial books were audited on 30 June 2009 by the detachment finance Committee (Marines Kraus/Murphy/Kirstatter) and a copy placed in the detachment's files.

Chaplains Report: was given by Sr. Vice Newton. Dan Gillian's father in-law had a stroke and is back home. Adjutant Wood has been ill for over a week with an unknown virus. Nick Nicholson is recovering from gland surgery. Marine Rodgers father is terminally ill and is stable with dementia and other on going health problems. There will be a memorial service at the Base Chapel 1000 on 22 July 2009 for Retired GySgt Jerome Parker who has been working at the base post office since 1993. Any member who can attend is requested to do so, wearing appropriate MCL uniform. (red cover at minimum)

### Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: A total of 12 members and their families showed up to support the Riverwalk Cleanup. The golfers cleaned up from Veterans Park to Third Avenue. The Saturday crew cleaned up from Cox Landing to Dam. Excellent! Marine Newton stressed that, with the school year getting ready to start, any family who needed volunteer hours were welcomed to assist in the cleanups. Marine Newton will sign off on documentation required to satisfy volunteer hours.

### Special Committee Reports: Blood Drive July 25<sup>th</sup> at the VFW

### Unfinished Business

1. Marine Fisk gave the cost out to purchase Marine Corps Colors for the detachment. Much discussion has been done on this topic in past meetings. A motion was made to purchase the flag by Marine Fisk and approved by members of the Board of Trustees and Financial committee who were present (Marines Newton Adams, Murphy, and Kraus). A vote of all present was taken resulting in a unanimous approval to purchase the flag at the below cost in addition to accessories (price undetermined):
  - 25 characters or less: \$697.82 plus \$16.90 for shipping.
  - The scroll will read: "Maj DESJARDINES DET #1260"
2. A detachment picnic was approved last month. Marines Morrison and Satterfield volunteered to set one up and notify the detachment of the details.

### New Business

1. There will be a Department Meeting on 22 Aug 2009 at the Delkwood Grill in Marietta, GA.
2. Marine Greg Satterfield will research and report the details of obtaining weapons and storing them on the base for the detachment color guard detail.
3. Marines Morrison, Satterfield, and Jim Rodgers volunteered for establish the Detachment Color Guard.

### Good of the League

1. Sr. Vice Newton recommended that we host a hospitality room at the Hilton for the Battle Color Ceremony on 15 October 2009. He will look into the cost of two rooms together and provide at the next meeting. Left over beverages from the convention will be used as well with additional purchases if needed. Marine Bob James will provide an inventory of left over beverages at the next meeting. Approximately 250 seats will try to be reserved for MCL members and families.

- It is recommended to bring a toy for “Toys for Tots” to the ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 1940 by Sr. Vice Newton. The next regular meeting will be held on 18 August 2009.

Submitted by Marine Gale Rodgers.





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Meeting Minutes of 18 August 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1834 by Commandant McCarty

Roll Call of Officers was taken: Present were Commandant McCarty, Sr. Vice Newton, ,  
Adjutant Wood, Sgt At Arms Fisk, Paymaster Adams, Judge Advocate Kraus, &  
Chaplain Lawing.

21 Members were present.

Visitors for the meeting were:

- 1) Ray Spindler
- 2) Ray Slack
- 3) 1st Sgt James Watson
- 4) GySgt Kevin Stanley
- 5) GySgt Mayra Espinosa
- 6) GySgt Jeremy French
- 7) SSgt Neil Absolom
- 8) Sgt Shayla Ortiz
- 9) Juliann Lawing

There were no applications for membership.

Correspondence – Commandant reported the passing of Robert “Bob” Mullins of the Major  
Stephen W. Pless Detachment #1196, Griffin, Georgia.

Minutes of 21 July were reviewed and accepted (Adams/Aldridge).

Paymaster Report was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Murphy/Brown).

Paymaster Adams also requested information pertaining to interest rates at local banks for  
a 6 month CD, no more than three thousand would be put in the CD.

Chaplain Report: Chaplain Lawing will be posting monthly verse on the web site and also any  
prayer requests that may be submitted to him. He will also be visiting the Leesburg rest  
home in September and welcomes anyone who would like to join him.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee – Sr. Vice Newton reported that the next clean up will be held on  
October 24<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Keep Albany/Dougherty Beautiful. We will meet up at  
the Third Avenue entrance to the River Walk. Any requests for T-shirts from the event  
must be submitted to Sr. Vice Newton no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Marines Cerney, Kraus, Newton, Fisk, & Roger Paulin attended the memorial  
service for retired GySgt Jerome Parker.
- 2) The Blood Drive had 37 attendees with 33 pints being accepted. Sarah Holden  
was very proud to help her community even though she was two pints short of her  
goal, there is always next year..
- 3) Sgt at Arms Fisk reported that the Battle Colors are still not available, they are on  
back order.
- 4) Battle Color Ceremony – The Hilton has locked in the current Per Deim rate for  
the rooms for this event. They requested that we not get rooms for a hospitality  
suite. Bob James reports that the following refreshments are left from the  
Convention:
  - a. 1.75 liter of Scotch
  - b. 1,75 liter of Gin



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- c. 1.75 liter of Vodka
- d. 4, 5 liter boxes of wine
- e. 4, 2 liter bottles of coke
- f. 5 cases of Coors Lite
- g. 1 case of Miller
- h. 2 six packs of Sharps
- i. 1 six pack of O'Doul's

John Mazzola has offered up space for a chili tailgate area for the League.

We will have room to setup an additional tent with seating. John said that if alcohol was involved all he knew about was a chili tailgate party. If the base allows it we can also have a stand setup to sell hats/shirts etc.

Sr. Vice Newton recommended that we procure some mixed nuts, chips, and water to have available, expenses not to exceed \$50.00. He will work with the Hilton on the event and provide updates as he gets them.

We will need escorts & volunteers to man the tailgate area. Sgt. At Arms Fisk has volunteered to cook.

We will also have a toy drive at the event Marine Newton will be creating a flyer for the ceremony & TOTS drive.

- 5) Marine Satterfield updated us on the Ceremonial rifles for use in Color Guard and burial details. He provided handouts to all present, we will receive (9) M-1 Garand Rifles at **no cost**. We will have to obtain slings & clips. Marine Nicholson has a contact that may have clips. The rifles will be kept at the base.

**New Business:**

- 1) Sr. Vice Newton reported that there will be three scouts receiving their Eagle Scout Awards on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Camp Osborn in Worth County. Marine Newton has printed the certificates & they have been signed. The young men that will be receiving their Eagle Scout award are Richard Taylor, Ben Crawford, and Matthew Lingefelt. The Scout Master would like to know who would be attending so that it will be included in the ceremony. Marine Morrison received this information.
- 2) GySgt Anthony Kratz is returning to Albany after a tour of duty to Afghanistan and Kuwait. He has been deployed since March 2009. He will be arriving at the Albany airport on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:29 a.m.
- 3) Judge Advocate Kraus reported that the Board needs to identify the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the CY2010 Elections of Officers before September. The Board consists of the Detachment Officers and the Jr. Past Commandant.
- 4) SR. Vice Newton reported the International Flag Ceremony for the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Volunteers are needed to assist with putting out the flags as well as for a Color Guard.
- 5) Marine Nicholson reported that the American Legion will be traveling to Milledgeville Georgia to visit with the Veterans located at the Georgia War Veterans home.
- 6) There will be a Department of Georgia Meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Delkwood Grill in Marietta, Georgia; Marines Newton & Kirstatter will be in attendance.



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Good of the League:

The PO Box will be moving to the Meredith Drive Post Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Paymaster Adams will get the new information to Adjutant Wood once the new box is established.

The membership was treated by a riveting brief of the Korean War's Chosen Few by Marine Nick Retza who was assisted by Marine Bill Hamby & Marine Ray Spindler.  
Marine Retza provided maps of the campaign & historical pictures from the era.

The meeting was adjourned at 1957 by Commandant McCarty. Next regular meeting will be held on 15 September 2009.

Submitted by Amanda Wood, Adjutant.

Motion to accept these minutes as read: \_Nick Nicholson\_\_\_\_\_

Motion second: \_\_\_Ken Berregern\_\_\_\_\_



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Meeting Minutes of 15 September 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1840 by Commandant McCarty

Roll Call of Officers was taken: Present were Commandant McCarty, Sr. Vice Newton, , Jr.

Vice Kirstatter, Sgt At Arms Fisk, Judge Advocate Kraus, Marine G. Rodgers acting for the Adjutant & Chaplain Lawing.

21 Members were present.

Visitors for the meeting were:

- 1) Andrea Gillan
- 2) Shyan Lawing

There were no applications for membership.

Correspondence

1. Commandant McCarty announced that MCL Det 711 of Monterey CA is holding a raffle for a drawing on Jan 2, 2010 for a Taylor Made Driver. Cost of tickets are \$20 for 5 or \$5 per ticket. Marine Berggren made a motion to purchase the 5 tickets for this detachment and raffle them off ourselves. Marine Cordoba second.
2. Sr. Vice Newton announced there will be three Marines returning from Iraq on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. They are GySgt Williams, L/Cpl Carlisle and L/Cpl Kidder. Time of arrival to be determined.
3. Minutes of 18 August 2009 were reviewed and accepted (Nicholson/Kirstatter).

Paymaster Report was given by Sr. Vice Newton and accepted as read (Berggren/Nicholson).

Still looking for a higher rate CD for some of savings.

Chaplains Report:

1. Chaplain Lawing advised that Loren and Amy Chesire visited Deceased Capt. James Blair. Detachment will give family Fallen Marine Certificate.
2. There will be a "Nite Lite Walk" for cancer at The Parks at Chehaw September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1930.
3. There will be a "Veterans Social" at the Leesburg Rest Home on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1500. "Maggie" an English Bull Dog owned by Mark Dukes will attend. Chaplain Lawing will ask Mark Dukes if we can use Maggie for future MCL events.
4. Jack H. Torrence, 30 year Marine, 20 year Draftsman from the Maintenance Ctr passed away September 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. Marine Nicholson will start six weeks of radiation treatment Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> at Pheobe Putney.
6. Marine Kirstatter received notice from the Department that Georgia had two KIA's in Afghanistan this month.
7. Chaplain Lawing requested that if anyone knows of any illnesses, deaths, ect. to please notify him so he can send card or take appropriate action.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee – Sr. Vice Newton reported the next clean up will be October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at 3d Ave at 0900 and reform at Power Dam Rd.

Special Committee Reports:

Battle Color Committee:

1. Sr. Vice Newton reported we would be hosting a reception at the Hilton Garden Inn Hospitality Room. Marines Rodgers donated the cost of the room and bartender. We will be able to bring our own drinks and snacks most of which is left over from the



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convention. Marines Kraus and Nicholson offered to donate Tequila and Bourbon. If our drinks run out individuals will purchase from the Inn. Open at 1600 to 1800 and reopen at 1930 after the ceremony until? Marine James will submit request to MCCS to get approval for Ships Stores sales. Marines Rodgers will get ice and set up hospitality room. We will need escorts and volunteers to help out.

2. 250 seats have been reserved same place as last year for MCL & families. Please bring a toy for Toys for Tots.

#### Unfinished Business

1. Marine Fisk ordered the MCL colors from national since they are for MCL. It will take four weeks at a cost of \$1,027.07.
2. Marine Morrison provided an update on the three Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Awards given at Camp Osborne on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Those who received awards were: Richard Taylor, Ben Crawford and Matthew Lingfelt.
3. Sr. Vice Newton reported that the September 11<sup>th</sup> Field of Flags set up, take down and ceremony was the best that the International Exchange Club has ever had. Only took 4 1/2 hours to put up and 59 minutes to take down. The IEC held a Volunteer Appreciation lunch today, five of the detachments members attended and nine received certificates. They asked for volunteers for next year as well. Thanks to all members who attended and helped.
4. Still need a Toys for Tots coordinator to contact GySgt French.

#### New Business

1. Marine Nicholson reported there will be a Breakfast at the American legion on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Flag up at 0645 then eat.
2. They will also host a Christmas party on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, dinner, band and dancing for \$25 for two. Bring a toy.

#### Good of the League

1. Sr. Vice Newton announced that he will be ordering the white Aviator shirts for league members who want one by 30 September. Orders six or more – free shipping!  
Cost and sizes are:
  - Men – SS size 14 – 20, \$16.50; LS \$17.50
  - Women – SS size 4 – 26, same cost
2. MCL members are not allowed to wear the Khaki shirts as their uniform item per the Marine Corps Commandant!
3. Marine Aldrich advised to be alert for “profile” update request from National.
4. Marine Kirstatter reported he has been working on the web site. Only a few things left. He displayed it for all to see and how it works. Touched on the calendar; Chaplains corner will be ready soon, and Photo Gallery. All members of the detachment are authorized to submit info via email to [members@mclalbanyga.org](mailto:members@mclalbanyga.org) for distribution to entire membership or to detachment officers using [officers@mclalbanyga.org](mailto:officers@mclalbanyga.org). Messages will be reviewed prior to distribution They may also submit calendar events using the login MCLMembers with password MCLMembers. Events will be reviewed before posting. Please notify [webmaster@mclalbanyga.org](mailto:webmaster@mclalbanyga.org) of submissions. Officers can submit to calendar using separate username and password which will be sent via email. These submissions will post to the calendar immediately. Please include your name when submitting events.



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5. Marine Gillan reported he spoke at Rome Detachment meeting in August about the base. They were very impressed with our detachment's performance of the convention and called out Marine Kirstatter specifically for his assistance.
6. Sr. Vice Newton advised of the new mailing address for the detachment:  
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7. Members of the detachment are invited to breakfast every Wednesday at 0900 at Roosters for comradeship.
8. Mrs. Gillan announced the American Cancer Society will be hosting a "40's" style fund raiser on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Nights Hall. Round Tables can be purchased for \$500. There will be a silent auction, show and dinner. They will initiate an empty table for cancer victims. Please bring a toy. Marine Gillan will be guest speaker and play the bag pipes!
9. Commandant McCarty distributed "Meritorious Unit Commendation" ribbons for all those who were members prior to the convention as well as elected and appointed officer's ribbons.

The meeting was adjourned at 1948 by Commandant McCarty. The next regular meeting will be held on 20 October 2009.

Submitted by Marine Gale Rodgers.

Motion to accept these minutes as read: \_

Motion second: \_



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Meeting was called to order at 1839 by t Sr. Vice Commandant Newton

Roll Call of Officers was taken: Present were Sr. Vice Newton, Jr. Vice Kirstatter, Sgt At Arms Fisk, Judge Advocate Kraus, Adjutant Wood, Paymaster Adams & Marine Bob James acting for Chaplain.

22 Members were present.

Visitors for the meeting were:

- 1) Marilyn Retza
- 2) Silas Barnes
- 3) Elizabeth Barnes
- 4) Gunny French

There were two applications for membership.

- 1) Marine Ludovic (Bo) Baudoin d' Ajoux
- 2) Associate Andrea Gillan

Correspondence

1. Associate Gillan announced that the Cancer Society would be having a fundraiser on 16 November at the Knights of Columbus. Marine Gillan will be an honoree speaker at the event.

2. St. Teresa's School will be in need of 3 volunteers to speak at their Veteran's Day event. Minutes of 15 September 2009 were reviewed and accepted (Adams/Sanders).

Paymaster Report was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Rodgers/Nicholson). Still looking for a higher rate CD for some of savings.

Chaplains Report: Chaplain Lawing, has arranged social with the staff at the Palmyra Nursing Home. The Home is located at 1904 Palmyra Road. The social is scheduled for Friday, November 20th at 1500. Dennis is providing the chow and the nursing home is providing a location, utensils, drinks, ice, and attendees. In addition, if you would like to donate any clothing items, puzzles, gift certificates, books or games please let Dennis know as well. If you plan to attend or have items to donate please contact Dennis at 639-8339 or 449-0998.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee – Sr. Vice Newton reported the next clean up will be October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at 3d Ave at 0900 and reform at Power Dam Rd.

Special Committee Reports:

1. Battle Color Committee: Sr. Vice Newton reported we had 25 attendees at the Battle Color Ceremony. There were 14 attendees at the hospitality Suite. Russ Vermillion did show up at the Ceremony.

Unfinished Business

1. Marine Fisk posted the new colors.
2. Toys for Tots:
  - a. Gunny French reported that the Toys for Tots can now accept money donations. You are able to donate via the internet & specify the Albany Georgia Detachment.
  - b. There were 1077 toys donated at the Battle Color Ceremony.
  - c. The stuff the sack event is scheduled for the third Saturday in December. They are in need of batteries and toys for the older age groups 12-18.

Guest Speaker





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Retired Master Sergeant Silas Barnes spoke to us about his time as a Japanese prisoner of war. He joined the Marine Corps on October 19, 1940 and is celebrating his 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Marine.

New Business

1. Marine Nicholson reported there will be a Breakfast at the American legion on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Flag up at 0645 then eat. Please bring a toy for donation to toys for Tots.
2. They will also host a Christmas party on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, dinner, band and dancing for \$25 for two. Bring a toy.
3. We need to reconnect with the Young Marines and get that program kick started.
4. Birthday Balls:
  - a. The Detachment 2 Birthday ball will be held on 7 November please contact Sr.Vice Newton for information; tickets are \$35.00 per person.
  - b. LOGCOM/ Base Birthday Ball-The Ball will be held on 14 November at the Albany Civic Center, please contact Kathy Bunch at 639-5201 with your RSVP and menu selection.
5. Nominations:

The current list of nominees for 2010 Officer Elections are as follows:

  - a. Commandant - Rob McCarty & Tom Newton
  - b. Sr. Vice - Ron Kirstatter
  - c. Jr. Vice - Gale Rodgers
  - d. Judge Advocate – JJ Kraus

The balloting process will be accomplished at the November meeting.

Good of the League

1. Marine Aldrich re-advised to be alert for “profile” update request from National.
2. Members of the detachment are invited to breakfast every Wednesday at 0900 at Roosters for comradeship.
3. State Commandant Moon sent a notice that Georgia Fishing with the Vets will be held on 1 November.
4. The 2011 National Convention M1 Brand is selling Raffle Tickets.
5. An Associate in Middle Georgia was honored for the National Toys for Tots Fundraiser Award.
6. The National Call for Photos, a campaign to gather images of the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was launched on Thursday, Sept.17, at a news event hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and FedEx Office.
7. Bob Sanders graciously donated 2 tickets to Dollywood to the Cancer Society fundraising event hosted by Associate Gillan.
8. The December meeting will be a diner with family & our awards ceremony.
9. Pound 317 needs pups for next year.
10. Sgt at Arms Fisk reminded everyone that the first Wednesday of every month the base holds a retirement breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 2017 by Sr. Vice Newton. The next regular meeting will be held on 17 November 2009.

Submitted by Adjutant Wood

Motion to accept these minutes as read: \_ \_\_\_\_\_





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Motion second: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Meeting Minutes of 17 November 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 1835 by Sr. Vice - Newton

Roll Call of Officers was taken: Present were Sr. Vice Newton, Jr. Vice Kirstatter, Sgt At Arms Fisk, Judge Advocate Kraus, Adjutant Wood & Bob James acting as Chaplain.

23 Members were present.

Visitor to the meeting: Ernie Elmore – new to the detachment from Washington State.

There were no applications for membership.

Correspondence

- Sr. Vice Newton read an email from Marine Ken White who is TAD to Iraq, he is mailing the detachment an American flag that was flown in Iraq in our detachments honor on Veteran's Day. He is also requesting a collection of Fire Department patches to be sent to him overseas.
- The Marine Corps league's military historical tours raffle is currently going on, tickets are \$5 per chance or 5 for \$20. The drawing will occur during the annual Mid-Winter Conference banquet in February 2010 in Virginia.
- The Tree of Lights annual fundraiser is also currently taking donations.
- Sr. Vice Newton read the MOAA Legislative update on Medicare/Tricare.  
Minutes of 20 October 2009 were reviewed and accepted (Murphy/Kraus, JoAnn).

Paymaster Report

Read by Paymaster Adams and accepted as read (Sanders/Nicholson).

1. Paymaster Adams is still looking for a higher rate CD for some of savings. Marine Sanders reported that Bank of Lee County has CD rates of 2.05%/.
2. It was reported that Marine Ken White, who is on deployment was past due in his dues, Marine Gillan asked if we could cover the dues for active duty or activated Marines. In order to do this an amendment would have to be done to the by-laws. A collection was taken by those present to pay the dues of the Marine currently in question & the dues were covered by donation from those present.

Chaplain's Report: Nothing new to report.

Officers Report

1. Sr. Vice – Newton reported that the competition is still on between the State of Georgia & the State of Alabama for new membership and growth.
2. Judge Advocate Kraus reported that he received a call from Major MakePeace concerning a disabled Marine Handie. He was having suicidal tendencies; however, he turned himself in to the Phoebe Putney Memorial emergency room. The Wounded Warrior program has taken over & is currently helping Marine Handie.
3. Adjutant Wood read a new amendment to the detachment by-laws concerning the awards committee; this will be voted on at the next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee – Sr. Vice Newton reported the on October 24<sup>th</sup> was a success. There were a total of 16 members & their guests who participated. In total 23 bags of trash were collected as well as various other items. Sgt at Arms Fisk requested that we request the young Marines to volunteer in the future.

Special Committee Reports:



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Officer Nominations for 2010

1. Commandant
  - a. Tom Newton
  - b. Uncontested
2. Sr. Vice Commandant
  - a. Ron Kirstatter
  - b. Gale Rodgers
3. Jr. Vice Commandant
  - a. Gale Rodgers
  - b. Jim Rodgers
4. Judge Advocate
  - a. JJ Kraus
  - b. Uncontested

It was decided that there would not be a family diner during the December meeting. The room cost will be \$100.00 for December due to the holidays.

2009 Award Nominations

The detachment voted to nominate a Marine of the Year from the detachment. The Board of Trustees will oversee the nominations & selection of award recipients for the detachment for 2009. The Board consists of Commandant McCarty, Sr. Vice Commandant Newton, Jr. Vice Commandant Kirstatter, Jr. Past Commandant Morrison, Judge Advocate Kraus.

Old Business

1. Battle Color Ceremony
  - a. There were 12 attendees to the battle color ceremony from our detachment. State Jr. Vice Commandant Russ vermilion also attended.

New Business

1. It was decided that a locker would be rented for the storage of the detachment property. The cost will be \$180.00 a year, .The Finance committee and Borad of Trustee members present agreed to the expenditure.
2. Sr. vice Newton requested pups to join the Military Order of the Devil Dog.
3. Several Marines attended local Veteran's Day events
  - a. Sunrise Memorial – Gale, Rodgers, Jim Rodgers, Bob Adams, Dave Aldrich, Ray Murphy, Buff Askey, Bob James, Rob McCarty, Dan Gillan.
  - b. St. Teresa's, Albany High, and Lee County Middle – Nick Retza, Greg Freed, Jj Kraus, & Roger Wood.

Good of the League

1. Marine Aldrich advised to be alert for "profile" update request from National.

The meeting was adjourned at 2003 by Sr. Vice Newton. The next regular meeting will be held on 15 December 2009.

Submitted by Adjutant Amanda Wood.

Motion to accept these minutes as read: \_ \_\_\_\_\_

Motion second: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meeting Minutes of 15 December 2009

Meeting was called to order at 1838 by Commandant McCarty

Roll call of Officers was taken: Present were Commandant McCarty, Sr. Vice Newton , Jr. Vice Kirstatter, Marine Gale Rodgers acting for the Adjutant, Sgt at Arms Fisk, Paymaster Adams, Judge Advocate Kraus and Marine Satterfield acting for the Chaplain.

22 members were present.

There were two membership transfers to this detachment: Marines Ernest Mack Elmore and Felix Demuth.

Visitors: None

Minutes of 17 November 2009 were reviewed and accepted (Adams/Cerney).

Correspondence: Was notified by the department that we lost a member in Sept. Brother defaulted on paying for cremation of \$1,100. VA paid \$300. Department paid \$115 to continue Tricare premiums. Requesting other detachments to donate assistance.

1. Detachment 1260 donated \$50

Paymaster Report: was given by Marine Adams and accepted as read (Hart/Kirstatter).

1. Locker #30 was purchased to hold the colors for \$180 a year.

Chaplains Report: No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

River Walk Committee: Next clean up will be Jan/Feb time frame. Date TBD.

Special Committee Reports: No report.

Unfinished Business: Sr. Vice Newton advised that the 4 new New Devil Dog applicants will be initiated end of January. New applications solicited by. If there are seven members then we can establish our own local pound.

New Business: Capt Ken White flew a flag over Iraq and donated to this detachment.

Good of the League

1. Wednesday at 1700 there will be an Ice Breaker at the SNCO Club; all Sgts and above and Marine Corps League members are invited.
2. 1300 Wednesday retirement for Roger Pullen at the base Chapel
3. Officer Elections for 2010:
  - a. Commandant: Tom Newton

- b. Sr. Vice: Ron Kirstatter
- c. Jr. Vice: Gale Rodgers
- d. Judge Advocate: James Kraus
- e. Sgt of Arms: Kelly Fisk

4. Jim Rodgers is being asked to be the adjutant.

The meeting was adjourned at 1914 by Commandant McCarty. The next regular meeting will be held on 19 January 2010.

Submitted by Marine Gale Rodgers.